

August 6, 2021

## ***FY 20-21 Sales Tax Summary***

Sales tax revenue for June (August 2021 report) was \$41,234 (3%) higher than May (July 2021 report). Statewide sales tax revenue decreased by 0.7% in June as compared to May 2021. Thus, Stanly County's sales tax revenue results over the past month were more favorable than the results statewide.

Sales tax revenue for June 2021 was \$246,381 (21%) higher than the same revenue source in June 2020. Stanly County's year-over-year sales tax increase is very positive given our local economy continues to recover from the global COVID pandemic. Further, the County's 21% increase is consistent with the increase statewide during the same time period.

The County's sales tax revenue for FY 2020-2021 exceeded the amount budgeted by 21%.

## ***Livestock Arena Design Build RFQ Responses***

The County received three (3) responses to our Request for Qualifications for the livestock arena project. The firms were DR Reynolds (constructed the County's new EMS base), Samet Corporation (partnering with La Bella) and MCT (based in Monroe).

The steering committee will be evaluating the responses and interviewing selected general contractors over the next week or two. Further, committee members are planning to visit some of the facilities recently constructed by the firms.

The steering committee is planning to recommend a selected general contractor to the Board of Commissioners for approval at the Board's September 7 meeting.

### ***Upcoming Meetings & Events***

Regular BOCC Meeting	Monday, August 9 6:00 PM Gene McIntyre Room
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## ***Utility Projects Update***

Below please find an update for several utility projects:

**West Stanly Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – The 12<sup>th</sup> project progress meeting occurred on Wednesday, July 21. Haren is still behind schedule by one (1) week. All the processing equipment has been delivered to the site. There will be some minor change orders forthcoming for a required electrical enhancement in the chlorine building and a crack in the chlorine contact tank.

The Wooten Company is still working to complete the PER (preliminary engineering report) for the 2.5 mgd expansion project as well as the projected budgetary cost figures. Once the projected budgetary costs for the 2.5 mgd expansion are determined, the system development fee studies will need to move forward so this specific revenue can help offset the cost of expansion. The expansion project will also require additional land acquisition.

**Phase 4 Water & Sewer Authority Project** – Chambers Engineering is currently working on the final design and construction drawings. The anticipated bid advertisement date is still mid-to-late February 2022. Staff will monitor progress to ensure the project remains on schedule.

**Bost Rd. Water Line Extension** – NC DEQ has approved the permit application. One (1) easement has been secured, but there are still two (2) outstanding easements that need to be obtained. The bid opening will be Thursday, August 12.

**Liberty Hill Booster Station Replacement** – Chambers Engineering is actively working on the design. The County Attorney and an outside real estate attorney have been engaged to assist with the deed transfer and easement finalization.